

STAFF HEARING OFFICER STAFF REPORT

REPORT DATE:

October 13, 2010

AGENDA DATE:

October 20, 2010

PROJECT ADDRESS: 3735 Lincolnwood (MST2010-00270)

TO:

Susan Reardon, Senior Planner, Staff Hearing Officer

FROM:

Planning Division, (805) 564-5470

Renee Brooke, AICP, Senior Planner RUB

Roxanne Milazzo, Associate Planner

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The 8,319 square foot project site is currently developed with a two story residence and attached two-car garage. The proposed project involves enclosing an existing 104 square foot upper level balcony at the rear of the residence, and the addition of a 20 square foot storage closet on the patio below. The discretionary application required for this project is a Modification to permit new floor area within the required six-foot interior setback (SBMC §28.15.060).

Date Application Accepted: October 5, 2010

Date Action Required: January 5, 2011

II. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Staff Hearing Officer approve the project as submitted.

III. SITE INFORMATION AND PROJECT STATISTICS

SITE INFORMATION A.

Applicant:

Doug Reeves

Property Owner: Todd & Marcy Eliassen

Parcel Number: 053-430-037

Lot Area:

8.319 sf

General Plan:

5 Units Per Acre

Zoning:

E-3/SD-2

Existing Use:

One-Family Residence

Topography:

12%

Adjacent Land Uses:

North – One-Family Residence

East - Lincolnwood

South - One-Family Residence

West – One-Family Residence

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B. PROJECT STATISTICS

ExistingProposedLiving Area2091 sf+ 123 sf = 2,214 sfGarage528 sf528 sf

C. PROPOSED LOT AREA COVERAGE

Building: 2,888 sf 35% Hardscape: 861 sf 10% Landscape: 4,570 sf 55%

D. FLOOR-AREA RATIO (FAR)

Max. Allowed FAR: 0.39 Proposed FAR: 0.33 = 84% of Max. Allowed FAR

IV. , DISCUSSION

The subject site is 20' wider in the front than it is at the rear. Although original construction plans show the development observing required setbacks, a recent survey revealed that a small portion of a rear patio and second story deck encroach into the required six-foot interior setback. The proposed project involves enclosure of the upper level deck for use as a master bedroom closet and partial enclosure of the lower level patio for storage purposes. Although the roof line will not change, the additional floor area will encroach 10" into the required setback. It is Staff's position that the Modification to permit the encroachment within the interior setback improves the existing situation by providing a solid wall buffer between this property and the immediate neighbor. This project was reviewed by the Single Family Design Board who found the Modification technical in nature with no negative aesthetic issues.

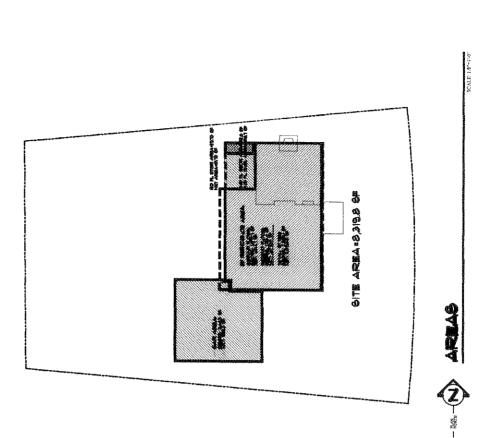
V. FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS

The Staff Hearing Officer finds that the Modification is consistent with the purposes and intent of the Zoning Ordinance and is necessary to secure an appropriate improvement on the lot. The proposed Modification will result in a minor structural encroachment into the interior setback without impacts to the adjacent neighbor.

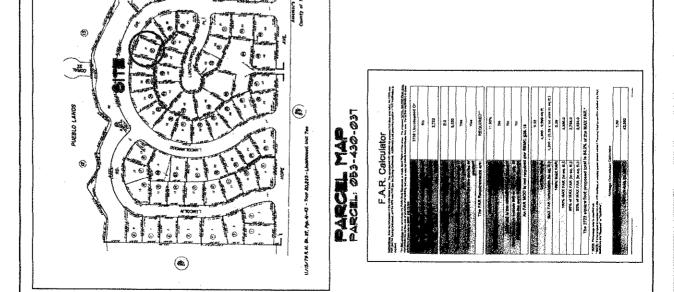
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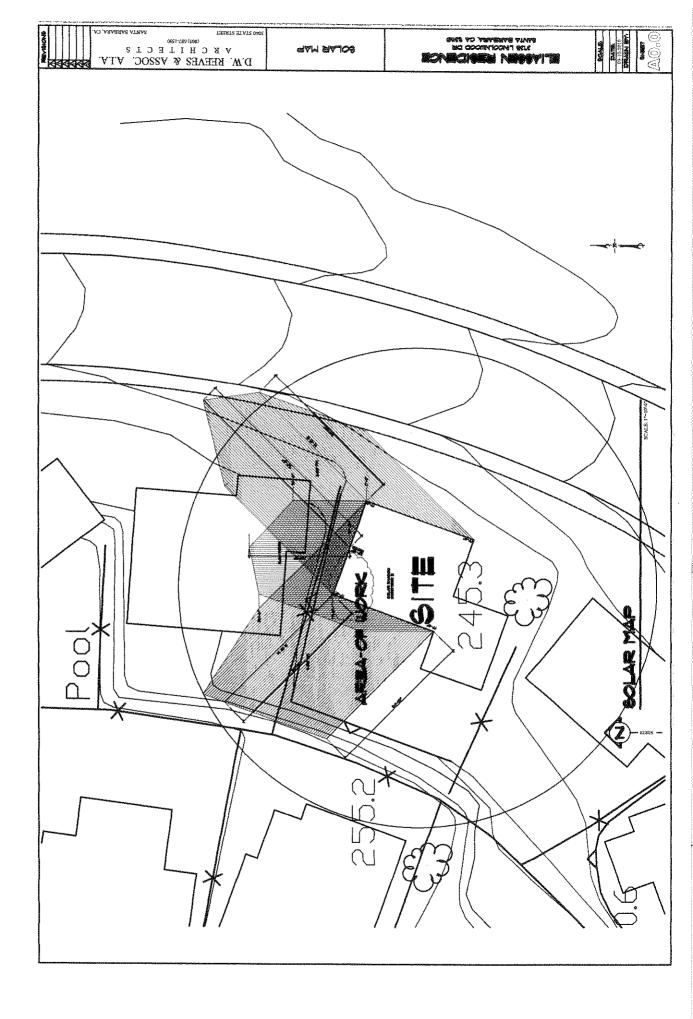
- A. Site Plan (full size set of plans available for review)
- B. Applicant's letter dated September 28, 2010
- C. SFDB Minutes

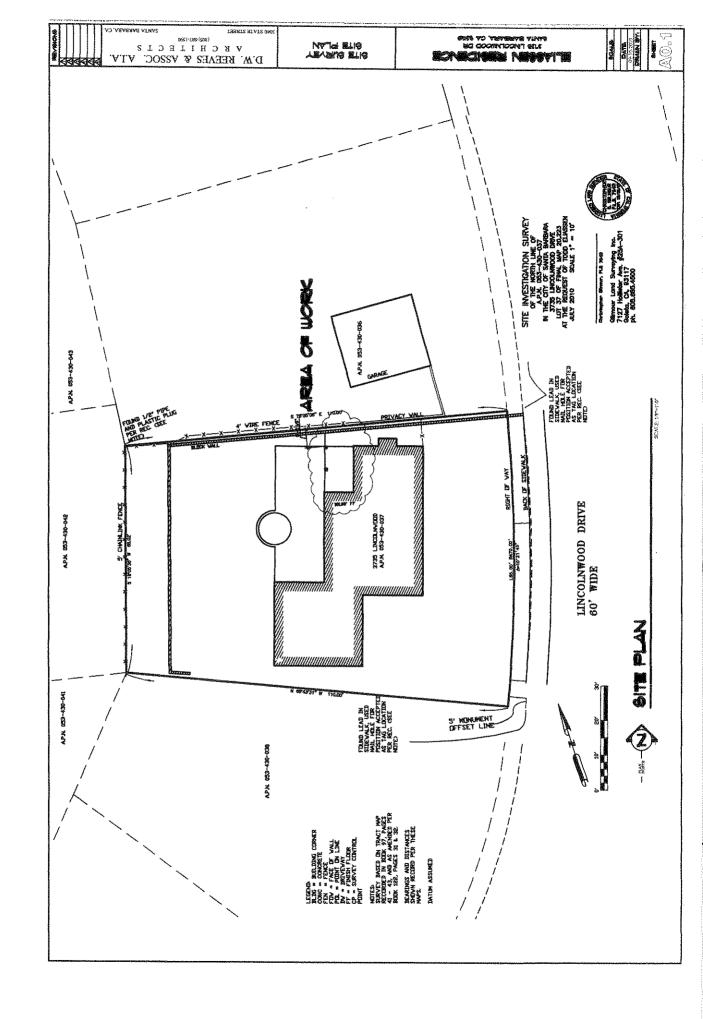
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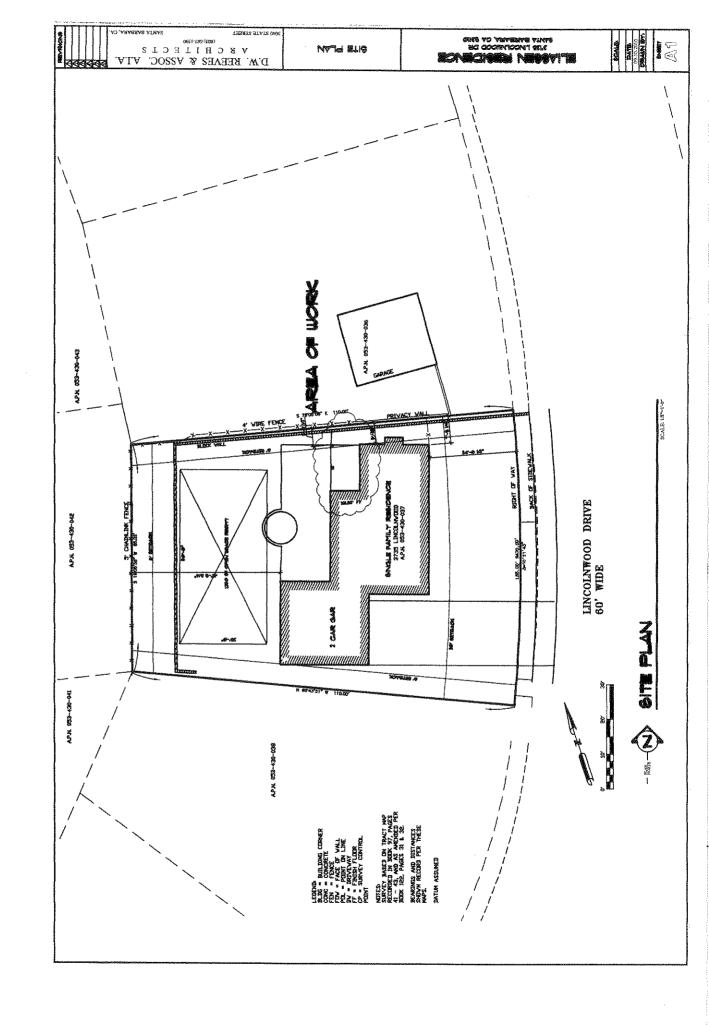


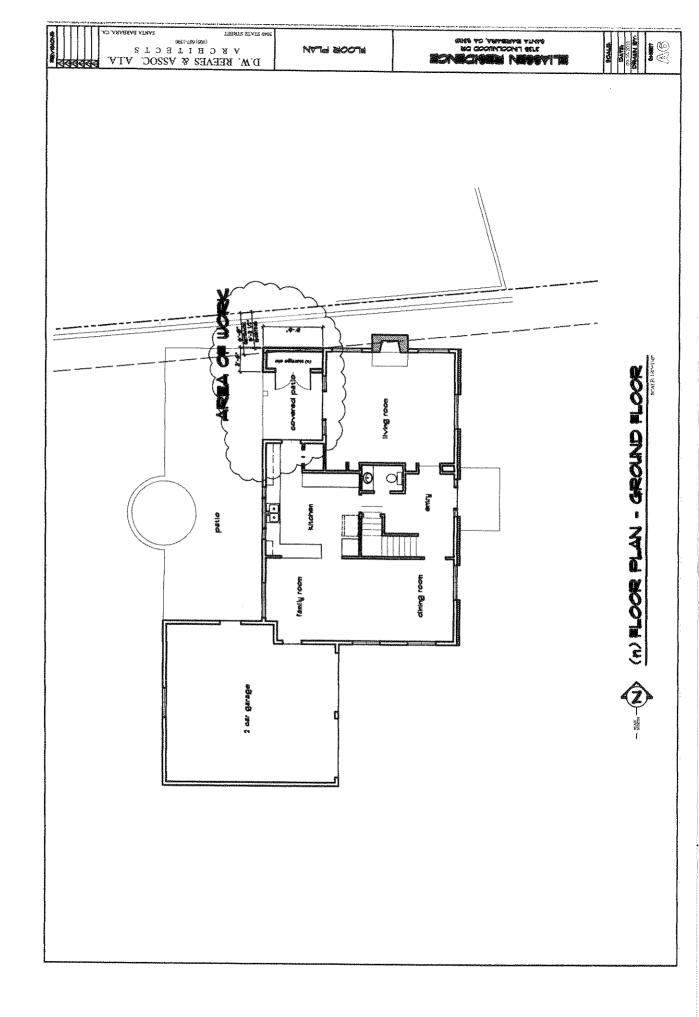
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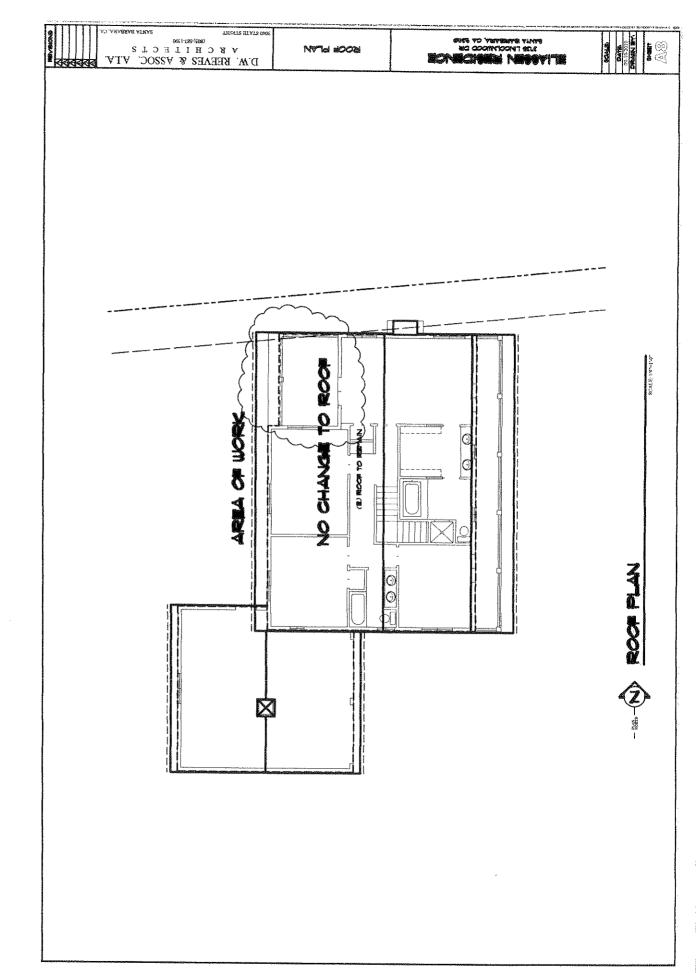


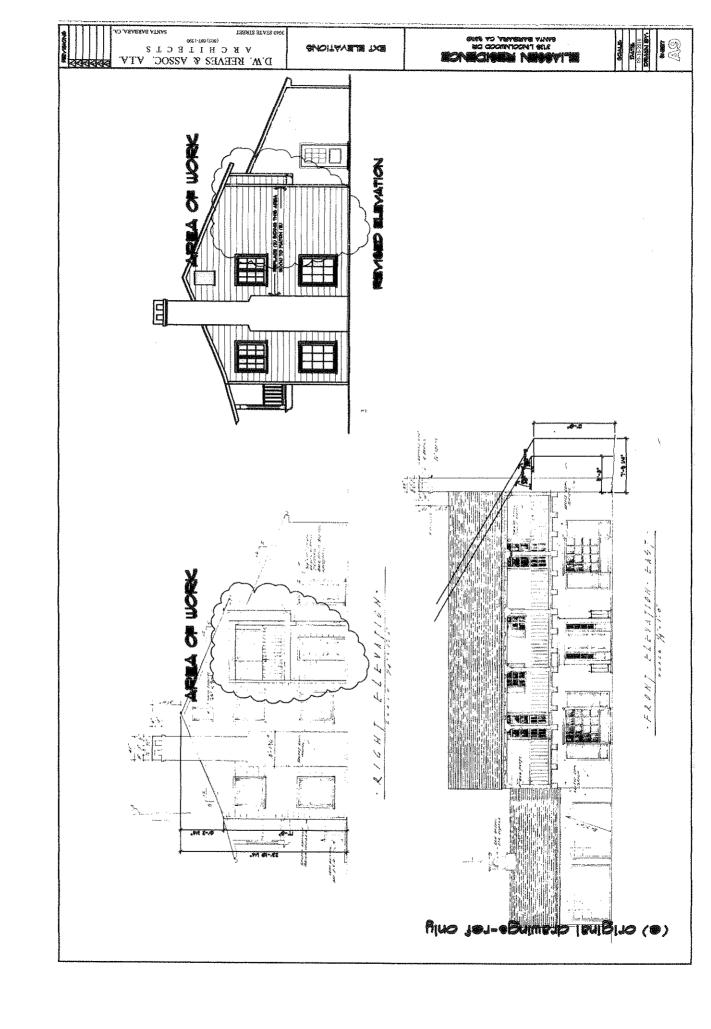


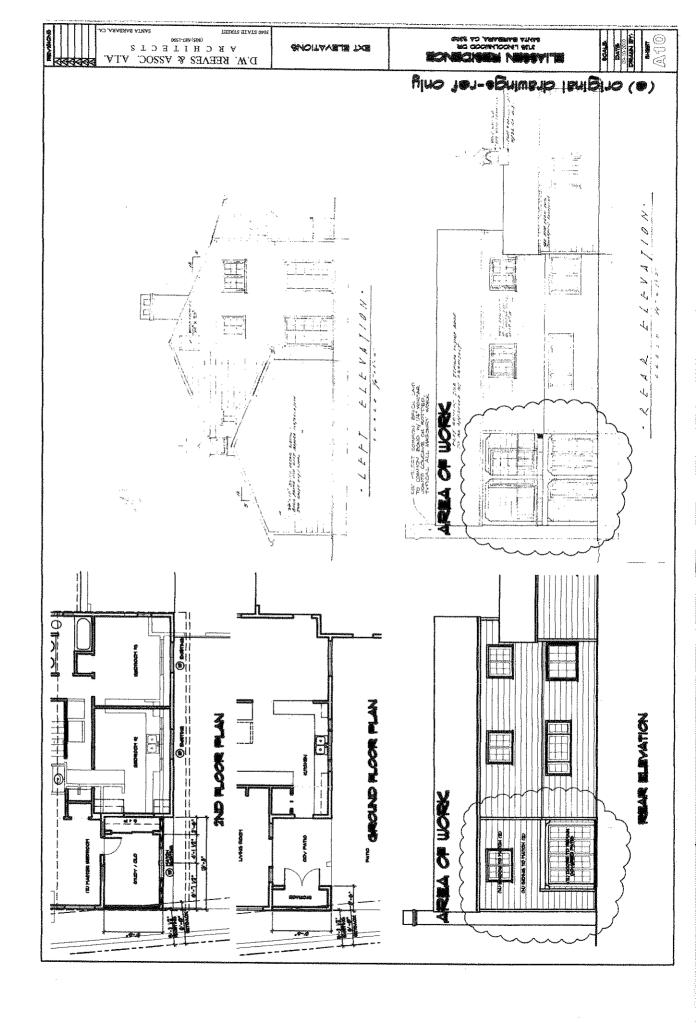














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September 28, 2010

Staff Hearing Officer CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PO Box 1990 Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990

Re: Modification Request for 3735 Lincolnwood APN 053-430-037

To Whom It May Concern:

Currently, there is an existing two story, single family residence, with a covered second floor deck. The property lot lines recede back into the property forming a rear lot line that is less in length than the front yard line, causing the rear covered patio corner to be located within the side yard by approximately 10 inches in the area of work, to 0 inches, with a average of 5" for the sloping side yard setback in relation to the existing residence.

The zone is E3, with a side yard setback of 6 feet. The current covered deck and roof are within the side yard by 10 inches at the outer most corner of the roof support post and handrail, to 0 inches at the front of the covered deck area.

The owner wishes to enclose the upper deck to provide privacy for his neighbor and add additional closet and workspace to his existing master bedroom. For architectural reasons, on the lower level side of the covered patio should also be partially enclosed to provide an outdoor storage room. Both upper and lower levels are to match the existing exterior elevation and same existing exterior wall line.

1. A modification to allow for new enclosed space within the side yard setback (approx 10 inches) under the existing roof area for a new closet and study on the second floor, and a modification to allow a storage space to be constructed within the side yard setback (approx 10 inches) directly under the second floor covered deck that is being enclosed. Note that the balcony deck area slopes from 10 inches to 0 inches, with an average of 5" into the side yard setback.

2. A modification exemption (for solar access) to allow this new enclosed space within the restricted solar area. Under the section 28.11.020 "Any portion of a structure in existence, or for which a valid building permit was issued, prior to the effective date of the ordinance first enacting this Chapter." Shall be exempt from the height limitation. No change is being requested for the existing roof and the footprint of the existing deck and covered patio is to remain the same.

The new FAR for the site will be approximately 84 percent.

This improvement will improve the building appearance, both from the side, and the rear elevations, provide the needed space for the homeowner, and bring this exterior patio/deck area into compliance with current guidelines for neighborhood capability of second floor decks.

If you have any additional questions, or concerns, please contact me.

D W RELIVES & ASSOCIATES, Architects

Douglas W Reeves AIA Architect

CC: Todd Eliassen

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September 27, 2010

Continued indefinitely to the Staff Hearing Officer with positive comments and continued to the Consent Calendar with the comment that the Board finds no negative aesthetic issues and finds the modification to be technical in nature.